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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: MARK POSITION DETECTION APPARATUS

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b. filed on February 23, 2004 as Application No. 10/782,814 and amended on ____ (if applicable).

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
2003-054058	JAPAN	February 28, 2003	Yes
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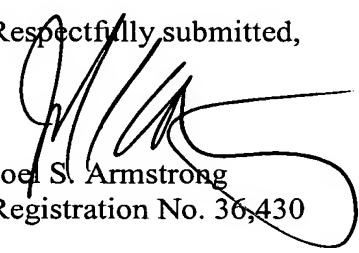
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